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Miami Immigration Judge Swears In 6,000 New Citizens

MIAMI, Fla. – Immigration Judge Rex J. Ford from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Miami Immigration Court, administered the oath of citizenship to 6,000 candidates during naturalization ceremonies on June 13 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Approximately 6,000 new U.S. citizens were sworn in at morning and afternoon events. The ceremonies were hosted by the Miami District Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Biographical Information

Rex J. Ford was appointed as an immigration judge in April 1993. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Arizona State University in 1977, and a juris doctorate from Nova University Law Center in 1984. From 1989 to 1993, Judge Ford served as an associate deputy attorney general for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. From 1987 to 1989, he was associate dean for Nova University Law Center in Ft. Lauderdale. From 1985 to 1986, Judge Ford was a partner for the law firm of Tucker, Ford, and Milbrath in Ocala. From 1984 to 1985, he served as general counsel for Skyway Commuter, Inc., also in Ocala. Judge Ford is a member of the Florida and District of Columbia bars.

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